



By the King.

A Proclamation for allowance of the use  
of hard Silk in some speciall  
Manufactures.



Hereas by Our Proclamation of the ninth day of August, in the sixth year of Our Reign, for prevention of sundry fallities and deceipts then practised in the dying of Silks, whereby the Weight thereof was beyond a just proportion increased, and the Silk weakened and corrupted (amongst other Rules by Us then prescribed) Wee did straitly charge and command, That no Silk-dyer should die any Silk before the Gumme were fair boyled off from the Silk being Raw, so that the pound of Raw-silk which before the Gumme boyled off, was sixteen ounces, should be reduced to twelve ounces or therabouts when the Gumme was boyled off: And whereas it hath since appeared by testimonie of sundry Merchants, Mercers, Silkmen, broad & narrow Silk-weavers, that there is a sort of Silk, called hard-Silk dyed upon the Gumme, which is no other then raw silk dyed or coloured, and although it be dyed upon the Gumme, yet if it be not increased in the Weight above the limitations hereafter mentioned, (which is no more then to make the colour firm and beautifull) the same is no way thereby weakened or corrupted, and is necessarily used in the making of tufted-Tassaties, figured-Sattens, fine sleight-Ribbands, and Ferret-Ribbands, both black and colours, but not to be used in any other Stuffs, Laces or Manufactures of Silk whatsoever.

Wee taking the premisses into consideration, and being informed that the necessary use of the said hard Silk in the foresaid Manufactures will conduce much to the enlargement of the Silk-Trade here, and to the employment of many thousands of Our poore Subjects in their severall Trades, have thought fit hereby to declare Our Royall Will and pleasure to be, that the said Inhibition, that no Silk dyer do die any Silk before the Gumme be fair boyled off from the Silk being Raw, shal. be explained and qualified with this exception; Viz. Except hard Silk which is or shall be used in or for the making of tufted Tassaties, figured Sattens, fine sleight Ribbands, and Ferret-Ribbands onely, and not otherwise; The said Inhibition in Our said





Proclamation, or in any other, to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding. And wee do hereby straitly charge and command, That no Silk-dier, or any other person or persons shall at any time hereafter dye any hard Silk into black or colours, which shall be increased in weight above the limitations following viz. The pound weight of Raw or Thrown Silk containing sixteen ounces, being dyed into any coloured hard Silk, not to exceed sixteen ounces when it is dyed, with half an ounce at the most for remedy; And the pound weight of Raw or Thrown Silk, containing sixteen ounces, being dyed into Spanish black hard Silk, not to exceed nineteen ounces when it is dyed, without any addition for remedy.

And wee do likewise straitly charge and command, that no person or persons whatsoever, shall use, or mixe any hard Silk in the making, weaving or working of any Manufactures of Silk whatsoever, other then tufted Tassaties, figured Sattins, fine sleight Ribbands, and Ferret Ribbands, upon pain of forfeiture thereof; and of such further penalties and punishments as shall be meet to be inflicted on the offenders therein.

And wee do further declare Our Royall Will and pleasure to be, and do hereby charge and command, That no person or persons whatsoever, shall at any time hereafter import or bring into our Realm of England, any Stuffles or other Manufactures, made or mixed with hard Silk, other then tufted Tassaties, and Figured Sattins; Nor that any person or persons shall at any time after one yeer now next ensuing, import or bring into Our said Realm of England, or shall here make or work any Stuffles whatsoever made or mixed with Silk, which shall not be in breadth full half yard nail and half nail within the two Lists, upon pain of seizure and forfeiture to us of the same.

And wee do further straitly charge and command, aswell the Governour and Company of Silk-men of London, as all other Our Subjects whom it may concern, to use their best diligence to finde out the abuses in the deceitfull Dying and Sale of the said hard Silk, and of all such Manufactures belonging to the Trade of Silkmen, or otherwise as shall be made with hard Silk, contrary to our Royall pleasure herein declared, to the end they may be proceeded against and punished according to the merit of their deceits and offences.

Given at Our Court at Whitehall the eighteenth day of May, in the fourteenth yeer of Our Reign.

✠ God save the King.



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